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			111. Kannauj
			112. Mahoba
			113. Chitrakoot
			114. Kaushambi
			115. Ambedkar Nagar
			116. Shravasti
			117. Balrampur
			118. Sant Kabir Nagar
			119. Kushinagar
			120. Chandauli
			121. Sant Ravidas Nagar
			122. Auraiya
23.	West Bengal	1	123. Dakshin Dinajpur

Facilities for athletes

1169. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiatives have been taken to provide modern facilities for our athletes in order to improve their performance especially in view of the upcoming Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Sports Authority of India is making efforts to provide international standard facilities to the sportspersons in order to enable them to prepare for the upcoming

events including 2010 Commonwealth Games. New Stadia are being built with modern state-of-the art infrastructure and equipment. The training programme is being carried out on a continuous basis throughout the year with competitive exposures within and outside the country. Sportspersons are given wholesome nutritious diet, food supplements, modern equipment, scientific and medical support, sports kits and training by renowned foreign and Indian coaches. In certain cases, sportspersons are trained abroad with financial assistance under the schemes of Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund.

National Games Meet 2007, Ranchi

†1170. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the preparation going on in connection with the National Games going to be held in Ranchi in the year 2007;

(b) whether any statement has been received from State Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any request for economic help has been made to Government?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Organizing Committee for the Games has been constituted. Information on the status of preparation received from the State Government of Jharkhand indicates that the Games Village for 6000 participants would be completed by August, 2007; work related to the Mega Sports Complex in Hotwar, Ranchi is at the tender finalisation stage and would be completed in 18 months; Birsa Munda Stadium by December, 2006 and Hockey stadium in Moharabadi, Ranchi by the end of 2006.

(c) Over and above the additional Central Assistance of Rs. 32.00 crores already provided during 2005-06 by Planning Commission, the State Government has sought Rs. 100 crores more. For the year 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 35.00 crores has been allocated for the creation of sports infrastructure from the Additional Central Assistance head for the National Games. This Ministry had requested the State Government in August, 2005 to submit a detailed realistic budget. This is still awaited.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.